

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended, claims 5 and 6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 7-9 are added.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 29, 2003. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed Form PTO-1449.

The Office Action asserts a Restriction Requirement between the following:

Group I (claims 1-4); and


Group II (claims 5-6).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, with traverse. By this Amendment, the claims of Group II (claims 5-6) are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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